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Title: **BINARY STATE MACHINE SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR REGEX PROCESSING OF A DATA
STREAM IN AN INTRUSION DETECTION
SYSTEM**

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 29, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the present Application in order that the Examiner may enter the following amendments and reconsider the rejection of the claims. Please amend the Application as follows.